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DIARY NOTES

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1 April 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning I asked Mr. Kirkpatrick if he could advise us definitely as to whether we would be required to render semi-annual reports to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in the future. He did not know but suggested that no effort be made to prepare another report until we receive further instructions.

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2. Following the Executive Committee Meeting this morning I talked with Ray Cline about two or three things which came to my attention during my recent trip.

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a. First of all, I reviewed with him the situation regarding John [redacted] who has not performed to the satisfaction of either [redacted] I urged that he be transferred from [redacted] promptly but that, in view of the importance of our relationship with [redacted] this not be done precipitously. Unfortunately, the lid on this situation apparently blew off a few days after I left [redacted] has already been in touch with his father, [redacted] has sent an urgent cable home, and the boy is en route to headquarters on TDY to discuss the situation with Ray Cline. In this connection, I told Ray that I would furnish him with a summary of background information on [redacted] which I thought might be helpful in his interview. (I have asked Emmett Echols to do this promptly.)

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b. I also raised with Ray the question of [redacted] who was assigned to [redacted] and after a very short while had to be sent home. I told him that I thought it could have been predicted that [redacted] would not work out in [redacted] and, in general, I felt that DD/I wasn't taking sufficient time with the selection of personnel to be sent to overseas stations. Ray was a little defensive about this but surprised me by saying that, whereas he had only about [redacted] overseas positions, he was having trouble filling them with top-notch people. I suggested that it would be better not to fill them than to send out people who did not represent the Agency well.

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c. I also advised Ray that both [REDACTED] and the Deputy Chief of Mission [REDACTED] had been critical of the briefing done there recently by a DD/I team headed by [REDACTED]. Again Ray was very defensive, lashed out at [REDACTED] as a prima donna, etc. I told him that I had no way to judge whether the briefing was good or bad, but it was a fact that the [REDACTED] thought it wasn't good enough to show to the [REDACTED] in fact, after cooling their heels for about three days, the team was sent home without having an opportunity to brief the [REDACTED].

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d. I also told Ray that I thought [REDACTED] made an excellent contribution at the [REDACTED] Conference. On the contrary, I thought Ray [REDACTED] made little or no contribution. Ray said that he had not expected [REDACTED] would offer much; in fact, he merely sent him so that he could gain some experience.

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3. I discussed Matt Baird's request to resign effective as of the end of the year with Mr. Kirkpatrick. We are in agreement that, while we should try to persuade Matt to change his mind, if he persists in his contention that he no longer has the drive, enthusiasm, and other general qualifications to carry on in his present job, we should accept his resignation and assist him in whatever way we can to continue in Government employment until he has twenty years of service.

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[REDACTED] was in to see me about the case of [REDACTED] an [REDACTED] as one of those who, being within two years of eligibility for a discontinued service annuity, was kept on the rolls pending this eligibility. He is now considering an appeal to General Carter for reconsideration. Don [REDACTED] has talked to a lot of people, including Matt Baird, who said he could use Gus in a lower grade. I told Don that he should try to persuade Gus to find a job elsewhere and that we think his chances of getting a job in the Agency for International Development are good. I also told Don that I would not be favorably inclined to honor Gus's appeal. If we can use him in any way, we should proceed with his termination on a scheduled date and pick him up in some other capacity immediately thereafter.

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5. [REDACTED] also advised me confidentially that he planned to retire effective 30 June 1963.

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